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News Release

FPS ARRESTS DISORDERLY TRESPASSER AT FEDERAL OFFICE

History of hostile behavior led Social Security Administration to ban him

INDIANAPOLIS— A 43-year-old Indianapolis man who defied an order barring him from ever entering the Social Security Administration (SSA) office here was arrested by Federal Protective Service (FPS) agents after he appeared in person at the federal building and became hostile and verbally abusive toward federal workers.

Larry R. Hutchens was arrested Monday afternoon at the federal building at 575 N. Pennsylvania and turned over to the Indianapolis Police Department, where he was charged with criminal trespass.

Hutchens, who has a history of displaying hostile and disruptive behavior, had twice received letters from the SSA prohibiting him from ever appearing in person to conduct business with the agency. He was instructed that all future business with the SSA would only be conducted telephonically and through written communication as a result of his verbally abusive tendencies.

When Hutchens showed up in person Monday at the SSA office in defiance of this instruction, he began using profanity and displaying aggressive and disorderly conduct, FPS agents responded immediately to arrest Hutchens and take him into custody.

"Our job is to ensure that all government employees are protected as they go to work each day," said Cherie McLendon, FPS threat management chief in Chicago. "No one has a right to abuse, intimidate, harass or threaten civil servants. Every threat is taken seriously and we will use all our police authorities to provide safe workplaces for federal workers."

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FPS protects and secures more than one million tenants and daily visitors at federal facilities nationwide as a division of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. FPS has a workforce of 1,500 special agents, police officers, inspectors, and more than 10,000 contracted security personnel.

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